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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10775	Agenda Number	54.
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Meeting Date:	November 10, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with SARTIN SERVICES, INC., High Point, NC for the purchase of one medical ambulance bus in an amount not to exceed \$386,326.33.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of one new Medical Ambulance Bus (MAB) for the Emergency Medical Services Department.

The purchase of this MAB is part of a statewide initiative by the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of State Health Services whereby 16 MABs will be stationed in various Cities throughout the State of Texas. While available for local emergencies, these MABs will be a deployable asset to support mass evacuations, mass-casualty incidents, or any other situation in which multiple people require simultaneous medical treatment and/or transportation. It is the intent that all 16 MABs are identical in layout, design, and equipment to ensure interoperability.

The bus will be equipped with rolling stretchers, wheelchair tie-downs, storage cabinets for oxygen tanks and medical supplies, a bariatric patient loading system, wall-mounted flip-down seats for attendants or patients, an emergency lighting and siren system, and be capable of transporting up to 20 recumbent patients.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

The ambulance bus is powered with an engine capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

This bus has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Sartin Services is the sole manufacturer and distributor of these buses.